GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5558
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BANJARA COMMUNITY
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has pointed out that Banjaras come under ScheduledCaste category in Karnataka but in Andhra Pradesh they come under Scheduled Tribecategory and in some parts of the country they come under the Backward Class category;

(b) if so, whether the government of Karnataka has also written to the Union Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a need for having Inter-State discussion to solve this problem of different caste status; and

(e) if so, the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) The Socio-ethnic-economic conditions of a community varies from State to State. Hence, the variation in specification.